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MRS. TAFT AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ORGANIZATION TAKES AN ACTIVE PART.

PRESIDENT-ELECT TO SPEAK

Promotion of Friendly Relations Between Employers and Employees is Topic of Discussion—Mitchell and Gompers on Speakers' List.

NEW YORK, Dec. 14.—With the session of the woman's department at which Mrs. Taft presented a report on committee on welfare for government employees of which she is chairman, the National Civic Federation opened their annual meeting here today. The sessions were devoted to discussion of general topic of this annual gathering—the promotion of friendly relations between employers and employees. Both Mrs. Taft and her husband are on the list of speakers, the president-elect being scheduled to speak tomorrow night. The afternoon meeting was devoted to a discussion of trade agreements, addresses on the subject being made by John Mitchell, Hermann Ridder, James O'Connell, Samuel Gompers, and James M. Lynch, president of the International Typographical Union.

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The Curious Way Rain Falls in Balmey Honolulu.

A PERPLEXING SPECTACLE.

Downpours Half a Mile Away That Threaten to Drench You Every Moment, but Never Arrive—A Riot of Broken Up Rainbows in the Valleys.

The most perplexing thing about Hawaii's climate to the new arrival is the matter of rainfall. You begin to experience this perplexity before you have set foot on the dock at Honolulu, when you consult anxiously with your fellow travelers as to the advisability of digging out an umbrella or rainproof before you go ashore. The chances are that you are all convinced that the heavy veil of black clouds which shuts out portions of the mountain scenery from view and the few drops of rain which the fresh shore breeze dashes in your face like flashing jewels torn from that bit of rainbow are warnings too plain to be ignored, and you prepare accordingly for the downpour which seems imminent.

You observe with some surprise that none of the wearers of the dainty costumes you pass on the street appear to be in the least perturbed by the possibility of getting caught in the impending shower until after awhile it dawns on you that the storm keeps right on impending—and nothing more. As you ride in a street car along the flashing seashore, vivid with color of breaking surf and of flowers in trees and hedges along the way, the sunshine never appears so brilliant. But off to the left in a beautiful little valley tucked like a deep pocket in the mountains and seemingly scarcely half a mile away there can be no doubt of the fact that a good, heavy rain is falling. The sunlight striking through the falling drops fills the valley with a glory of broken up rainbows—a riot of color that causes one to gasp and exclaim in admiration. There can be no doubt that the rain we have seen falling is real and that it is as near as it seems, for the wind now and then carries refreshing dashes of it into the open car, causing a few of the passengers to change their seats to the opposite side. But still the street is perfectly dry and the sunshine as bright as ever.

Five minutes later we leave the car at the foot of a great jagged pile of volcanic rock that marks the vent of a prehistoric volcano, and the red base and sides which support a stunted, mesquite-like growth and a few cacti look as though they hadn't had a good shower for six months. And they probably haven't.

In time one learns that Hawaii's climate is purely a matter of locality; that the report of the rainfall for any given time, published by the United States weather bureau, does not mean for every place in the territory nor for the island of Oahu nor even for the city of Honolulu, but only for the place where the rain gauge stands. It would not be true for a place half or three-quarters of a mile away. One learns that he may live in Honolulu under very different conditions as to precipitation, according to location. In some of the valleys rain falls practically every day of the year and varies in amount in different parts of the same valley, which may be only a mile or two long. There are other sections in which the splendid lawns and bowers of green foliage which surround beautiful homes are only possible through constant irrigation. And there are to be found almost every degree of moisture between these extremes.

Like every where else, one finds people of every turn of mind in Honolulu as to the most desirable places in which to live. In sections where the rainfall may amount to two or three hundred inches per year vegetation flourishes most luxuriantly and with a minimum of attention. There is also an absence of humid feeling in the atmosphere or disagreeable dampness which one usually associates with much rainfall. This is accounted for by the fact that the rain comes in showers, of which a dozen or more may come in a day and may occur while the sun is shining brightly, while the never failing trade winds and a porous soil dry up the surface moisture within a few minutes after a shower has passed. The heaviest precipitation also usually occurs at night.

In the dry sections, if one has plenty of water with which to irrigate (and Honolulu has a splendid system of waterworks with ample supply), one may more easily control what he would grow and at the same time escape the inconvenience of oft occurring showers. Some of Honolulu's most beautiful residence districts as well as the beautiful Kapiolani park, one of the most beautiful tropical gardens in the world, was originally barren sand plains, practically devoid of vegetation and once thought to be worthless. The new owner is often to be heard an old resident refer to "the plains" when speaking of a section of the city in which are located some of the most magnificent homes and beautiful grounds in the whole territory.

The variation of rainfall, together with the difference in temperature due to elevation, give to Hawaii a diversity of climate that can scarcely be equaled in the world, lacking only in extremes of either heat or cold.—WILL J. COOPER.

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STRENGTH OF AN EAGLE.

Wonderful Power in the Bird's Claws and Legs.

While I cannot give any positive proof of how much a bald eagle can carry, I should suppose, declares a writer in Forest and Stream, that he could carry at least as much in proportion to his weight as a hawk or a horned owl. I have the recorded weight of a male bald eagle weighing nine and a quarter pounds and a female weighing twelve pounds.

A horned owl will weigh from four to five pounds, and I have several times known one to carry off a large house cat. One cat was very large, and the owner told me he could hear the cat cry as he was being carried off. Now, any one who will weigh a large house cat will find it to weigh at least ten pounds.

I have seen a goshawk carry off a hen fully twice its own weight, and I have taken from a marsh hawk a very large chicken which would weigh more than twice what the hawk would. The marsh hawk is one of our weakest hawks, but he had carried this chicken over a quarter of a mile. My belief is that if a hawk or horned owl can carry more than twice its weight (and I know positively that they can) then an eagle could, if occasion required, do as much in proportion to his weight, which would be to carry eighteen or twenty pounds.

Once when an eagle, shot through the body with a rifle ball, lay on his back I up ended a long road skid and dropped it on him. Before it reached him he stretched up and caught it in his claws and held it the length of his legs above him. I walked up on the skid and stood above him, and he easily held me and the skid, which I should judge would weigh more than twenty pounds. I took pains to be weighed the same day and weighed 119 pounds. Put a stick in the claw of a wounded eagle and let him grasp a small tree with the other, and a man must be stronger than I ever was to take the stick from him.

The Call of Egypt.

Egypt calls even across the space of the world, and across the space of the world he who knows it is ready to come, obedient to its summons, because in thrill to the eternal fascination of the "land of sand and ruins and gold," the land of the charmed serpent, the land of the afterglow that may fade away from the sky above the mountain of Libya, but that fades never from the memory of one who has seen it from the base of some great column or the top of some mighty pyramid, the land that has a spell—wonderful, beautiful Egypt.—Robert Hichens in Century.

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SAVANT RETURNS.

With Numerous Specimens For Museum in New York.

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 14.—Dr. G. A. Dorsey, curator of the Guild Museum of New York arrived here yesterday on the Pacific Mail liner Korea with a large collection of valuable scientific specimens which he has gathered in the Orient for the museum. Dr. Dorsey began his investigation in Egypt where he uncovered the tombs of the fifth dynasty. He spent some time in India where he made a study of Hindoo culture. The curator spent a large part of his time in Australia where he made a study of the museums of Melbourne and Sydney. He crossed the Island of Bougainville which he said had never been explored by a white man. This island which is in the Solomon group is 60 miles wide and it is so densely wooded that he was five days in crossing it. The doctor said that the natives of the islands are entirely uncivilized, wearing no clothing and sleeping in the hollow trunks of trees and holes in the ground.

Dr. Dorsey made his largest collection on the coast of New Guinea where he gathered an extensive lot of native implements. He will proceed directly to Chicago where he will place the collection in the Field Museum.

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There are more cases of kidney trouble here now than ever before, while recent reports show that more people succumb each year to some form of kidney disease than any other cause.

When there is sickness, examine the urine. Rheumatism is only a symptom of kidney trouble. It is nothing more or less than excessive uric acid in the blood, which the sluggish, inactive kidneys have failed to sift out, leaving it to decompose and settle about the joints and muscles, causing intense suffering; frequently resulting in deformity; often reaching the heart, when death ensues.

Pains across the back, frequent painful and suppressed urination and other symptoms of weak bladder are not the only signs of kidney trouble; many cases of stomach disease, headache, pain in the heart, inactive liver, etc., are but symptoms; the cause of which can be traced to feeble, clogged kidneys.

A simple test of the urine is to void a small quantity in a bottle or glass and let it stand over night; next morning, if there is a reddish brick-dust sediment, or white fleecy substance present, either consult some reputable physician or take a good vegetable treatment. The following prescription is recommended highly in these cases, and the sufferer can mix it at home: Compound Kargon, one ounce; Fluid Extract Dandelion, one-half ounce; Compound Syrup Sarsaparilla, three ounces. Shake well and use in teaspoonful doses after each meal and at bedtime.

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DECEMBER, 1904.					DECEMBER, 1908.				
High Water.		A. M.		P. M.	Low Water.		A. M.		P. M.
Date.		h. m.	ft.	h. m.	ft.	Date.		h. m.	ft.
Tuesday	1	7:28	7.5	7:28	6.7	Tuesday	1	0:37	0.9
Wednesday	2	8:18	7.9	8:45	6.7	Wednesday	2	1:42	1.4
Thursday	3	9:11	8.3	9:56	7.0	Thursday	3	2:47	1.7
Friday	4	9:58	8.7	10:58	7.3	Friday	4	3:53	2.0
Saturday	5	10:48	9.0	11:53	7.2	Saturday	5	4:48	2.3
SUNDAY	6	11:30	9.3			SUNDAY	6	5:37	2.5
Tuesday	7	0:44	7.12	10	9.6	Tuesday	7	6:28	2.7
Wednesday	8	1:23	7.12	10:47	4.9	Wednesday	8	7:06	3.0
Thursday	9	2:12	7.1	1:36	9.2	Thursday	9	7:46	3.2
Friday	10	2:53	7.0	2:01	8.8	Friday	10	8:27	3.5
Saturday	11	3:23	6.9	2:38	8.3	Saturday	11	9:09	3.7
SUNDAY	12	4:13	6.8	3:18	7.7	SUNDAY	12	9:52	3.9
Tuesday	13	4:47	6.8	4:00	7.2	Tuesday	13	10:41	3.8
Wednesday	14	5:38	6.9	4:53	6.6	Wednesday	14	11:38	3.8
Thursday	15	6:12	7.1	5:52	6.1	Thursday	15	12:30	3.6
Friday	16	6:59	7.4	7:07	5.8	Friday	16	0:07	1.8
Saturday	17	7:46	7.6	8:22	5.8	Saturday	17	1:05	2.3
SUNDAY	18	8:32	7.9	9:32	6.0	SUNDAY	18	2:05	2.5
Tuesday	19	9:28	8.3	10:32	6.3	Tuesday	19	3:02	2.9
Wednesday	20	10:13	8.7	11:28	6.6	Wednesday	20	4:00	3.1
Thursday	21	10:57	9.1			Thursday	21	4:56	3.2
Friday	22	11:40	9.4			Friday	22	5:48	3.2
Saturday	23	1:05	7.2	12:23	9.5	Saturday	23	6:38	3.2
SUNDAY	24	1:52	7.3	1:08	9.6	SUNDAY	24	7:25	3.2
Tuesday	25	2:39	7.4	1:55	9.3	Tuesday	25	8:07	3.1
Wednesday	26	3:20	7.6	2:43	9.3	Wednesday	26	8:44	3.0
Thursday	27	4:09	7.7	3:27	8.3	Thursday	27	9:17	2.8
Friday	28	4:56	7.9	4:27	7.7	Friday	28	9:51	2.5
Saturday	29	5:48	8.0	5:47	7.0	Saturday	29	10:19	2.1
SUNDAY	30	6:43	8.1	7:07	6.6	SUNDAY	30	11:10	1.8
Tuesday	31	7:38	8.2	8:29	6.4	Tuesday	31		

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